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Capital Removal.

The Capital Removal convention was held at Abilene on the 24th, according to announcement. Dr. Dodge called the convention to order and Hon. Harry C. Kelley was chosen as chairman. Resolutions were adopted, the preamble to which recited that when the State was admitted the sixth principal meridian was supposed to be and would continue the western boundary; that the boundary has since been moved westward to Colorado; that the portion of the State now contains a population four times greater than the State contained when Topeka was made the capital; and believing that the people who located public institutions twenty-five years ago and shaped the institutions of the State, had an imperfect knowledge of the possibilities of the future and what Kansas would be to-day; that the mistakes of a few early settlers should now be remedied; therefore it was resolved by the convention to oppose any future appropriations by the Legislature for erecting public institutions, including work on the State house, while the people were endeavoring to locate the seat of government.

The committee reported the following officers: President, ex-Governor David E. Butler, of Nebraska; vice-president, Cleveland F. Moulton, of Missouri; secretary, J. B. Ferguson, of Kansas; Governor Butler upon taking the chair said: "We have several great organizations to-day, each established for the purpose of creating a higher standard for its members. There is no one so insane as to believe that the Grange, the Farmers' Alliance, the Knights of Labor, and the kindred orders were organized for other than salutary purposes. If I had the power I would enact a penal statute prohibiting any farmer from working more than eight hours a day. If farmers would use their brains more and their muscles less it would be far better for them. They would certainly have more time to become acquainted with their families."

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WHEREAS, We can not with safety longer evade the vital importance involved in the question of protection to this great interest, nor central and shipping agencies, to be appointed by the president of this association; and that this convention at once proceed to elect the president, vice-president and treasurer, who are hereby instructed to secure a charter, including a charter member from each State and Territory of the Mississippi valley, with adequate and ample capital.

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Considerable feeling against the adoption of the resolutions was expressed and a lengthy discussion followed. It was the sentiment of a large percentage of the delegates that more liberal action should be considered so important a measure, and resulted in the adjournment of the convention until evening.

At the evening session speeches were made by Judge Bailey, of Garden City, S. T. K. Price, of Illinois, and Job Mulvane and Judge Pepper of Topeka, Judge Bailey arguing for the immediate adoption of the resolutions received at the afternoon session, and the others advocating the postponement of further action for several months so that the movement might be carefully considered. Judge Moulton, of Bates County, Missouri, said he had been deeply impressed with the arguments used against hasty action, and believed they were right. His remarks carried more conviction with them and the result was that the convention unanimously endorsed the resolutions in the main offered in the afternoon, which embodied the scheme of the Farmers' Trust movement, and resolved that the whole matter should be referred to a committee consisting of one member from each of the States represented, except Kansas, which should be represented by two members.

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Escaped the Gallows.

PORT SMITH, Ark., May 1.—Jefferson Hilberbrand, the resplendent murderer, died in the hospital of the Federal jail this morning of consumption. He was to have been hanged last Friday with Crow, Moss and Hill, but on account of his condition the President granted him a reprieve to June 6.

Duttenhofer's Hamburg.

LANCASTER, Pa., May 1.—William G. Duttenhofer, tax collector of Columbia borough, is a \$6,000 defaulter. His bondsmen declared their signatures to the bond were forged. Duttenhofer admits the forgery.

Hon. James Russell Lowell, of Boston reached Queenstown, Ireland, on the 2d.

# FARMERS' TRUST.

Meeting of Delegates at Topeka—Another Convention Called For November 3.

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Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Atkinson, of Ottawa, and was followed by an address of welcome by Judge Peffer, of the Kansas Farmer. Colonel William Crum, president of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture, was chosen temporary chairman, and J. B. Ferguson, of Meriden, Kan., secretary, and the following committee on permanent organization was appointed: Robert Atkinson, William S. S. W. Jones, G. R. Roberts and O. Chacy.

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